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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above Second Preliminary Amendment, to place the referenced U.S. Patent Application into better condition for examination.

The fee for the claims added by this Amendment is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any fee overpayment to Deposit Account 19-3550.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed 30 November 2005, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement between the following two species: (1) Species A, Figs. 1A-5E; and (2) Species B, Figs. 6A-7B.

Applicant elects to prosecute in this Patent Application Species B, as shown in Figs. 6A-7B. Applicant has carefully reviewed all claims and believes that Claims 1-44 read on the elected Species B, as shown in Figs. 6A-7B. Applicant believes that the non-elected Species A, as shown in Figs. 1A-5E, read upon fewer than all original claims.

Applicant believes that each new claim, Claims 45-54, added by the above Second Preliminary Amendment reads on the elected Species B.

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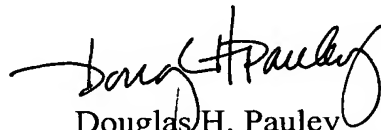
Amendment to Claims

Applicant has added new Claims 45-54. These added claims are supported in the Substitute Specification at Page 10, line 13 through Page 15, line 14, and as shown in Figs. 6A-7B. This Amendment adds no new matter to this Patent Application.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the above remarks address each and every issue raised by the Examiner and overcome each and every objection and rejection. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of this Patent Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas H. Pauley", is written over the printed name.

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